

# **CSEPP/KY EM Workshop**

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## **Unbridled Pursuit of Excellence**

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# Emergency Management in Ohio

## Ohio's Hazards



March 1997 – Flash flooding southern Ohio, Ohio River flooding

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**Xenia grocery store – Sept. 2000**

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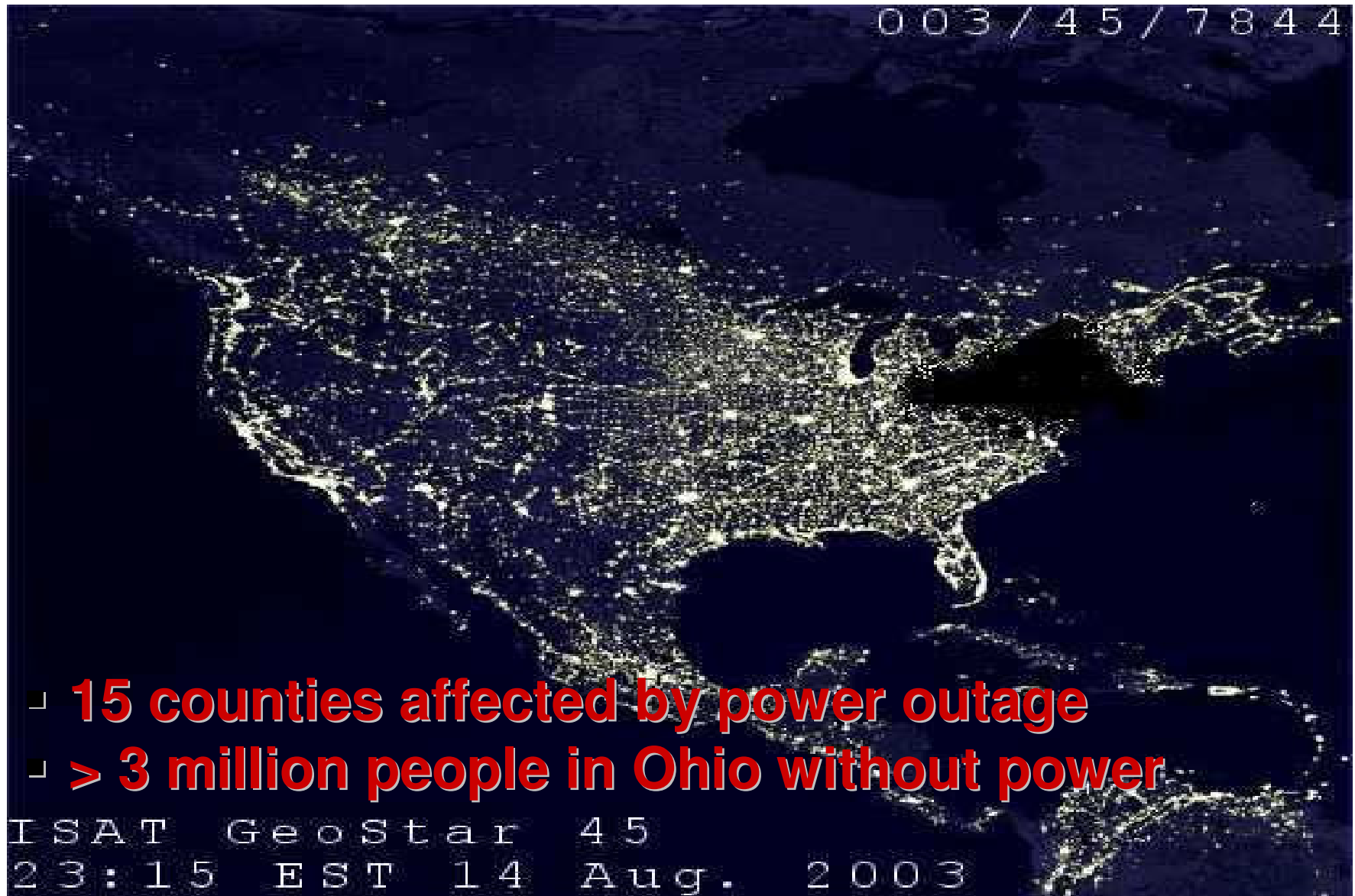
**Scioto County Feb. 2003**



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## Ohio's Hazards



- 15 counties affected by power outage
- > 3 million people in Ohio without power

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## Sept 11, 2001



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## Ohio's Hazards

- Floods
- Tornadoes
- Winter Storms
- Blackouts
- Terrorism
- **Chemical Incidents**
- **Earthquake**
- **Nuclear Power Plants**
- **Pandemic**
- **Infrastructure failure**
- **Satellite's falling from the sky...**



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# Unbridled Pursuit of Excellence

- **Who**
- What
- When
- Where
- **How**
- **Why**





## Partnerships Local

- All disasters are local
- All disasters impact people
- Successful response requires planning, training and exercising
- Successful P,T&E requires partnerships



## Partnerships State

- Central point of coordination within the state for activities to support mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery functions before, during and after a disaster...



■ Ohio Emergency Operations Center



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## Partnerships State

- All disasters are local
- State supports local response
- A successful state response requires P, T & E with partners across the horizontal and vertical spectrum
- A successful state response requires non-traditional partners
- All disasters impact people





## Partnerships Federal

- All disasters are local
- Federal response supports state and local response
- A successful federal response requires flexibility and communication
- A successful federal response requires recognition of state and local roles
- All disasters impact people



## Partnerships Citizens

- Disasters impact people
- Personal responsibility
- Honest communication
- A successful response requires recognition of individual roles and responsibilities



## Partnerships

# Partnerships in Preparedness

- FEMA's National Advisory Council
- Regional Advisory Committees
- Governor's Advisory Council
- Preparedness Task Force
- National Response Framework/NIMS
- Leaders' Intent





## In a perfect world...

- 10 a.m. on a Tuesday
- I'm in my office
- The people I need to talk to are in their offices
- New media haven't stumbled onto the story
- I have developed relationships and partnerships



## In the real world...

- Sunday morning at 3 a.m.
- I'm in bed and so is everyone else
- The media are already calling my PIO
- The director of the ARC has retired, my county contact list is outdated and the Guard military support lead just left for Afghanistan



# Unbridled Pursuit of Excellence

- Who – Each one of us
- How - We need to work together now so we can respond effectively tomorrow
- Why - Success requires partnerships





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